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For: Method And Information System For Non-Random Selection Of Uniform Structural And

Functional Features For Tissue And Plant Product Processing

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The reference listed below and on the enclosed substitute PTO Form 1449 is submitted herewith pursuant to the duty to disclose under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.97-1.98.

## Certification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)

The references identified below and as part of this Statement were cited in the International Search Report in a counterpart PCT patent application, not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Report dated 17 January 2001 in the counterpart International patent application is attached hereto.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the references identified herewith and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609.

The references listed in this Information Disclosure Statement comprise the most pertinent prior art known to Applicants and their attorneys as of the date hereof. This Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that the cited references are material or that no better art exists.

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